(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। इंडियन एयरलाइंस अन्तर्देशीय उड़ानों पर शराब परोसे जाने के हाल के प्रतिबंध से भी पहले शराब नहीं परोसती थी।

Disinestment by AI

2303. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Air India propose to go in o; "disinvestment" to raise money from private investors to launch its modernisation programme which includes the acquisition of new generation aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present there is no proposal for disinvestment of Government shares in Air India.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit at Ahmedabad

2304. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit is proposed to be set up in Ahmedabad by Damania Airways Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Approval of Director General of Civil Aviation D.G.C.A.) is necessary for establishing such a unit. No proposal has yet been submitted by M|s Damania Airways to DGCA in this regard.

Warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines

2305. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines that its landing rights at Bombay will be cancelled for failing to bring in more tourists;

(b) wnether on the reciprocal basis Air India also flies to Amsterdam; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Air India does not operate to Amsterdam as the operation is not considered commercially viable at present.

Misuse of trolleys meant for passengers at IGIA

2306. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trolleys meant for passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airports in the Capital are being misused by the residents of the illegal hutments in the nighbourhood and also for smuggling goods, as reported in the Times of India of June 30, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any illegal nexus between some employees of the Airport and the encroachers, and if not, how

trolleys are being smuggled out from the high security zone of the Airport;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; if so, with what results; and

(e) what steps have been taken to put an end to this misuse and to punish the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has awarded a contract for retrieval and maintenance of passenger trolleys at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The contractor is responsible for safe custody, and ready, availability of trolleys. However, there have been reports of misuse of trolleys by residents of neighbourhood localities because passengers after use leave them at all over places within the airport vicinity and the car park areas. The contractor has been advised to exercise effective control to avoid misuse of trolleys. He has since deployed addtional manpower for the purpose.

Introduction of convenient flight timings By IA

2307. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to introduce convenient flight timings and additional capacity on several high density and tourist routes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Presently, most of the Indian Airlines services operating on high density trunk routes are scheduled with a view to providing maximum convenience to the passengers travelling on these routes. Since the capacity presently provided on the high density and tourist routes is sufficient to meet the present passenger demand, Indian Airlines is not planning to augment capacity on these routes.

Decline in global tourists

2308. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in global tourist arrivals came down from 0.40 per cent in 1988 to 0.35 per cent in 1993 and in regional arrivals from 55.2 per cent to 52 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that percentage of foreign exchange receipts from global tourism came down from 0.75 per cent to 0.43 per cent and from regional tourism from 77.76 per cent to 70 per cent during the period;

(c) whether Government have identified the causes of the decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether any action plan has been drawn to check the declining trend and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage share of India in the global tourism receipts declined from 0.72 per cent to 0.46 per cent and the same in the regional tourism receipts declined from 74.0 per cent to 70.0 per cent during the period from 1988 to 1993.

(c) and (d) The reasons for decline in tourist traffic during 1993 include law and problems in some parts of the country, airlines strikes, recessionary conditions in some of the tourist generating countries etc.

(e) and (f) An action plan including re-assurance campaigns in the overseas